

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-8 are pending.

Claims 1 and 4 are independent claims.

Statement of Interview

The Examiner is thanked for conducting the interview with respect to the present application. As noted in the Examiner's Interview Summary, the Examiner had requested that the apparatus claims be amended in the preamble to "system" claims. During the interview, the Examiner had indicated that system claims would include the polarizer.

Accordingly, claim 4, as well as respective dependent claims have been amended to cover a "system." Applicants submit that all outstanding issues having been resolved, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert W. Downs (Reg. No. 48,222) at the telephone number of (703) 205 8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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